



Mini-Grant Application

“YOUth Can!”

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Global Youth Service Day Mini-Grant Application:

Thank you for your interest

What: ServeNebraska, the Nebraska Volunteer Service Commission, is making funding available to organizations, schools, programs and institutions to develop, coordinate and implement small projects that will engage Nebraska youths in service to their local communities in conjunction with Global Youth Service Day, April 23-25, 2010. Applications should address this year's theme: "*YOUth Can!*" Our goal is to include as many youth as possible and help them build a strong service and service-learning foundation. Details on Global Youth Service Day can be found here: <http://gysd.org/>

Your application should support Nebraska youth in local one-day or continuous service projects with a service-learning component. Please submit a full application (attached), including a detailed proposed budget and project description. The complete application should not be longer than five (5) pages.

There are two pools of funding available – one for efforts benefiting any Nebraska youth and the other specifically focused on engaging youth with disabilities. Please state which pool of funds you are applying for within your application. ***The mini-grant awards for both pools will be capped at \$500.00.***

Deadline: To apply for a ServeNebraska Global Youth Service Day mini-grant, please complete and return the attached application form no later than **Monday, March 15, 2010 at 5:00 pm CST** to Greg Donovan at greg.donovan@nebraska.gov . If email submission is not an option, hard copies by fax [402-471-6249] or delivery/mail to:

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Selection Criteria: Projects may be chosen based on the following criteria: number of engaged youth volunteers; cost-effectiveness; location; and proposed impact. Preference will be given to projects with multiple funding sources; projects that engage and/or serve individuals with disabilities, particularly children; projects that occur in central - and/or western - Nebraska; and projects that have a cost-per-youth ratio of \$1.00 per 1 youth or better. Applicants are encouraged to provide matching funds (cash and/or In-kind). Please provide information in the budget portion of the application about intended match resources. ServeNebraska reserves the right to award partial funding based on the applicants proposed budget and project description.

Allowable use of funds: Funds are limited and meant to be used for direct programming needs. Allowable uses of funds are project materials, transportation for participants, food, beverages and other necessary refreshments, venue or material rentals. Funds may not be used to cover personnel costs.

Reporting: If you are chosen for a mini-grant award you will be required to provide service data, including the number of youth engaged, number of service beneficiaries, and items created as applicable. Additionally, you will be required to submit a one-page project summary narrative at the conclusion of the Global Youth Service Day activity.



2010 Global Youth Service Day Mini Grant Application

1. Contact Information

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2. Project Details

Organization Type: (Select all that apply)

☐ Faith-based ☒ Non-profit ☐ Government ☒ Education

☐ Club ☐ Business ☐ Other:

Which pool of funding are you applying for:

☐ Disability Inclusion Youth Service ☒ Youth Service

Community Served: South Omaha

Description of Youth Population (ages, demographics): Most of the young people that will assist with this project are students from Metropolitan Community College. Volunteers range from 18 to 25 years of age. Some juvenile offenders convicted of creating graffiti are expected to participate in the project to fulfill court ordered community service obligations.

Expected Number of Volunteers: 200

Number of Youth (age 5-25) anticipated out of expected volunteers: 150

3. Please describe your Youth Service Day Project plan and how it is applicable to the “YOUth Can!” theme: This project is designed to provide graffiti clean up for South Omaha neighborhoods that need assistance in doing so. The project will include the following elements:

1. MCC students from all campuses, faculty members, community members and youth convicted of graffiti-related crimes will gather at the MCC campus at 9 AM for opening remarks by Omaha Mayor Jim Suttle.



2. Participants will load onto buses and private vehicles to take them to pre-determined locations in South Omaha to chemically wash graffiti from businesses, poles and road signs. All cleaning products and materials will be provided by the Omaha Neighborhood Center through a grant from the Omaha Weed and Seed Program. A target number of 30-40 businesses will be served as well as 25 to 30 objects, such as stop signs and electric poles.
3. Participants return to campus for lunch.

MMI and MCC are partnering on this project because it exemplifies the spirit of Global Youth Service Day. The project is being planned by youth leaders in a community service environment to empower youth to assist and restore South Omaha's neighborhood.

4. Project Location (Complete Address): Volunteers will be working in the area from Vinton Street to Harrison and from 36th Street to the Missouri River.

5. Does your project include a Service-Learning approach: ☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please describe: This project is spearheaded by MCC's Service Learning Center. As a mobile extension of community assistance, this department works in tandem with professors teaching multiple courses within the institutional curriculum to provide opportunities for students to reflect on several aspects of serving the Omaha Community.

6. If your project includes youth with disabilities or focuses on serving those with disabilities, describe how: Part of MMI Americorps' mission is to provide inclusive service opportunities for individuals with disabilities. This statewide AmeriCorps program has the largest enrollment of members with disabilities (40%) in Nebraska. Its expertise in the area of inclusive service is nationally recognized. Currently, the program has four members placed at MCC. Of these four, three members experience disability. MMI AmeriCorps is expecting 5-8 of its members with disabilities to participate in the project. MMI AmeriCorps is working with MCC's Service Learning staff to provide accommodations for its members with disabilities as well as other individuals with disabilities volunteering for this project.

7. Does your project plan to engage youth not normally asked to serve: ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please explain: MCC plans to recruit court ordered volunteers convicted of graffiti related crimes. Many of the additional students who will volunteer for this project do not volunteer on a regular basis. Hopefully, this will provide an avenue for continued volunteerism for these individuals.

8. How will your project meet the needs of your community: This project will clean up graffiti in South Omaha neighborhoods that may otherwise may not be restored due to lack of resources.

9. Day(s) completing service: ☐ April 23 ☒ April 24 ☐ April 25 ☐ Other: _____



10. How will you recruit volunteers for this project: MCC will publicize the project by using campus wide email, passing out flyers and bringing guest speakers connected with the project into appropriate classes to recruit volunteers. In addition, MMI Americorps will put a call to service out to its members in Omaha. Also, MMI will electronically recruit faculty, staff, and students at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

11. How will you involve youth in leadership roles: Two MCC VISTA members are taking lead roles in coordinating the project.

12. How many youth are involved in the planning of this service project: Two

13. Is this project a collaboration with another service day: ☐ Yes ☒ No
If yes, which one(s) and with whom:

14. What supplies or resources will be necessary to complete this project:

- A. Chemicals for Graffiti Removal
- B. Rubber Gloves
- C. Tools for Proper Application: Rollers, etc.
- D. T-Shirts
- E. Food
- F. Transportation

Funding support for this project is being generated from several different sources. A significant piece of funding support for this project is a Federal Weed and Seed Grant procured by The Neighborhood Center of Omaha (See Budget).

15. What is the plan for participant and volunteer transportation to the project location?

Metro Area Transit has been approached as project partner. If agreement is reached, MAT will provide several busses to transport volunteer to pre determined clean up locations. MAT will also make a Moby vehicle available for those volunteers who have disabilities.

16. How will you track numbers of volunteers and volunteer service hours: Several sign up sheets will help coordinators track the volunteers and number of volunteer hours.

17. What will the end result of your project be: Several neighborhoods in South Omaha will be graffiti-free at no cost or additional risk to the community.

18. How will you know your project was a success: Success will be measured in several ways. Initially, the act of eliminating graffiti from affected neighborhoods will be a tangible measure of project impact. Project coordinators have set a goal of 70% of pre-determined graffiti locations to be restored. Pictures will be taken in several neighborhoods to show overall effectiveness. Surveys will also be passed out to volunteers after project completion to judge individual impressions of all parts of the project.



Budget Summary (Be as detailed as possible)

1. Please present the full budget for the project, highlighting other sources of funds.

Materials/ Supplies:

ITEM	REQUEST	OTHER FUNDS	SOURCE(S) OF OTHER FUNDS	TOTAL COST
Chemicals		\$500.00	Federal Weed and Seed Grant	\$500.00
Rubber Gloves			Federal Weed and Seed Grant	\$0.00
Tools for Proper Application: Rollers, etc.			Federal Weed and Seed Grant	\$0.00
Food		\$1,000.00	In Kind Contribution	\$1,000.00
<i>Sub-Total</i>		\$1,500.00		\$1,500.00.

Travel (mileage, food costs):

ITEM	REQUEST	OTHER FUNDS	SOURCE(S) OF OTHER FUNDS	TOTAL COST
Transportation		\$800.00	Metro Area Transit: In Kind Contribution	\$800.00
<i>Sub-Total</i>		\$800.00		\$800.00

Other:

ITEM	REQUEST	OTHER FUNDS	SOURCE(S) OF OTHER FUNDS	TOTAL COST
T-Shirts	\$500.00	\$500.00	In Kind Contribution	\$1,000.00
<i>Sub-Total</i>	\$500.00			\$1,000.00

Total:	\$500.00	\$2,800.00		\$3,300.00
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2. Budget Narrative: Please describe why the requested funds are necessary for the success of this project.

This project budget shows a great deal of community support. Federal support is shown through the Weed and Seed Program's donation. Local support is shown through the proposed in kind transportation donation from the MAT and support from other local private interests. ServeNebraska's support for this Global Youth Service Day project would complete the circle of community endorsement.

The funds requested are for the sole purpose of purchasing tee shirts for the volunteers. The tee shirts are necessary to identify participants as they are working in the neighborhoods so they do not illicit any unnecessary concerns among residents. After the project is over, the tee shirts will remain as an ongoing reminder of the program's message.